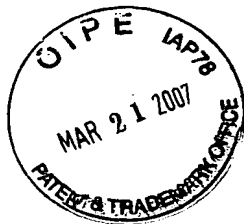


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 1, 2006, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: There are no amendments to the
specification.

Amendments to the Drawings: There are no amendments to the drawings.

Amendments to the Claims: Amendments to the claims are reflected in a listing
of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments: Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.